

Decision Record

EA Number: **OR-054-03-101**

Title of Action: **Lower Burnt Ranch Vault Toilet**

Serial Case File or Project Number: **N/A**

BLM Office: **Prineville District**

Decision: The Prineville District BLM has decided to install a permanent vault toilet at Lower Burnt Ranch Recreation Site. The pre-fabricated vault toilet will be located on a bench above the John Day River at river mile 131.5, between a boat ramp and a primitive camping area. The toilet will be located well outside the 50 year floodplain, will not be visible from the river, and the exterior color will blend with the natural surroundings.

Alternatives Considered: No action was the only alternative considered.

Rationale for Decision: We have decided to install a vault toilet at Lower Burnt Ranch Recreation Site to provide sanitation facilities to support existing recreation use and reduce the problem of human waste deposition in the surrounding area. This action is expected to improve the visual quality of the site and reduce the threat to public health and water resources. No public comments were received during the 30-day public comment period. This action conforms with the 2001 John Day River Management Plan.

Compliance and Monitoring: The new toilet will be regularly maintained and serviced by BLM employees. Any concerns that may arise relating to the toilet or recreation use in the area, will be forwarded to the Recreation Planner.

Terms / Conditions / Stipulations: The toilet will be installed in a location pre-approved by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission in compliance with State Scenic Waterway Rules.

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Date